

AUGUST 17, 2025 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue
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PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church M-F 8am to 6pm; Adoration Chapel available 24/7 (call office for code)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

First Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

Daily: Eucharistic Chapel open from 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ASCENSION CAMPUS

Adoration before the tabernacle is encouraged before and after daily mass. Contact the parish office for access to the chapel for Adoration at other times.

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone desiring to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking to complete their Sacraments, including children age 7+, should contact Chris Kreger, Director of OCIA, at 937-401-0423 or Joe Ollier, Director of Evangelization at 937-253-5171.

ANointING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated three times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations: Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m., Spirit Center at St. Albert; Monday, October 13, 7 p.m. at St. Charles. For more information, and to RSVP (required), please contact Kristi Gaston, kgaston@mgparish.org for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier, jollier@mgparish.org for Ascension and St. Charles.

RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Saturday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After noon mass

Saturday: 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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OUR OLD INDIVIDUAL PARISH WEBSITES ARE NO LONGER BEING UPDATED AND WILL BE TAKEN DOWN IN THE COMING WEEKS. PLEASE SEE OUR NEW WEBSITE, MGPARRISH.ORG FOR ALL UPDATES.



This fall, Mom-to-Mom returns to St. Charles with a 12-week session, beginning September 2 and 3, from 9–10:45 a.m., offering a welcoming space for mothers of children to find community, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Each morning begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by breakfast, fellowship in small “pods” with mentor moms, a presentation on motherhood with a spiritual focus, and group discussion. Nursery care is available from 8:15–11:00 a.m., and all moms in the community are invited—no parish or school affiliation is required.

The inspiration behind Mom-to-Mom comes from the old saying: “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” For Sarah Archuleta, mother of three—Jordan, John-Paul, and Joey—this ministry is rooted in the belief that mothers play a profound role in shaping the faith and values of the next generation.

“When I had my first baby, Joey, I went through a dark time with postpartum depression and I felt a lot of isolation,” Sarah shares. “I could have really used a support system

like this. That’s why I designed Mom-to-Mom to bring together women of all kinds—young moms walking through the challenges of early motherhood and older mentor moms who have been through the thick of it. The mentor moms pray with the younger ones, offer practical advice, and provide the encouragement I once needed.”

What began as a small group of nine young moms and two mentors has grown into a vibrant ministry, with more than 50 women expected to participate in the upcoming fall session.

The impact of Mom-to-Mom is perhaps best expressed in the words of Ellen, a participant in last year’s session:

“Mom-to-Mom has revealed the perfect glory, goodness, generosity, compassion, patience, and love of Christ through the relationships I’ve made with my sisters in Him. I’ve seen His glory in their unique beauty and personalities. I’ve felt His generosity in the kindness they’ve shown me, and I’ve known His compassion as they’ve walked with me

through hardship.”

Ellen reflects on the power of the closing session, which included Adoration and Confession:

“I was overwhelmed by the immense and unending gift of our Lord Jesus’ mercy. The King of the Universe loves me so very much that He wants to be HERE WITH ME, even though I’m a flawed sinner. Mom-to-Mom has connected me to Christ in a deeper way, and these friendships—on earth and in eternity—are such a gift.”

Through shared prayer, spiritual reflection, and authentic friendship, Mom-to-Mom is more than a ministry—it’s a lifeline for mothers navigating the joys and struggles of raising children in faith.

For any mom seeking connection, support, and a deeper relationship with Christ, Mom-to-Mom offers a place to belong, to be encouraged, and to grow—together. If you are a mom, please join us at our kickoff!

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION **SA** ST. ALBERT **SC** ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 AM **SC** Ángel Vázquez
Family

9:00 AM **AS** Sally Winegar
Fran Bruns

NOON **SA** Gail Gann
K. Gelm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 AM **SC** Carol Ruba
Family

NOON **SA** Lyn Ridley
MFW

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 AM **SC** Gordy & JoAnne Fuchs
Pete Petrin

9:00 AM **AS** Matthew Parkes
Marta Parkes

NOON **SA** Treasa Healy
H & A Delaney

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 AM **SC** Tom Rauch
Family

9:00 AM **AS** Dalton Martin
Sarah Green

NOON **SA** Tom & Susan Druffel
Mary Hanaghan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM **AS** Mary Fortman
Ann Gross

NOON **SA** Richard Haber
B. Albers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:30 PM **SA** Fr. Dave Robisch
Katie & Ted O'Neil

5:00 PM **AS** Louis Mraz
Barbaro

5:00 PM **SC** Jane Roberts
Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 AM **AS** Church of the Ascension

8:30 AM **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

8:30 AM **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:30 AM **SC** Kim Lindley
Tony & Elizabeth Lush

11:00 AM **AS** Betty Kretz
Bev Ishmael

11:00 AM **SA** Denny Wintersteen
Kay Moore



GIVE

One meaningful way to support the work of Mother of God Family of Parishes is through financial giving. Your generosity helps us offer vibrant ministries, meaningful events, and opportunities for all to encounter Christ and community. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to help us continue building a parish family where everyone knows they belong.

For more information about giving, visit mgparish.org/give.

"Looking on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who having joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and now sitteth on the right hand of the throne of God." – Hebrews 12:2

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$ 28,997
YTD Offertory Income \$ 169,700
YTD Offertory Budget \$ 176,250
Diakonia Donations \$ 330

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$ 31,397
YTD Offertory Income \$152,407
YTD Budget \$ \$144,224
St. Vincent Conference \$ 565

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$ 36,892
YTD Offertory Income \$ 141,499
YTD Budget \$ 145,500
Saint Vincent de Paul \$ 1,472

Please go to mgparish.org/mass to see weekend presider schedule.

WORSHIP



BLESSINGS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

AUG 23–24 At all St. Charles Masses

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

AUG 24 11:30 a.m. at Borromeo Rm

RSVP: Contact St. Charles Parish Office at 937-434-6081.

Volunteers needed: Set up, decorate, prepare food, serve, or clean up.

Contact Chris Jasek at

cjasek@mgparish.org or 937-401-0097.

Other campuses: Celebrate Marriage events will also be held at St. Albert and Ascension – details coming soon.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASSES

Parishioners celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries (25, 50, 55, 60, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Saturday, September 6, at Incarnation in Centerville or Sunday, September 7, at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Cincinnati. Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the Jubilarian Couples. Couples should RSVP online at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop> by August 25.



This week's Words of Hope come to us from Carmelite mystic, reformer, and Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

"Hope is the virtue that sustains us in times of trial."

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

Stephan Mosher. His Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, August 14 at Church of the Ascension Campus.

Dennis Dockins. His Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, August 14 at St. Charles Campus.

William "Bill" Stoermer. His Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, August 4 at St. Charles Campus.

Mary Ellen Reinhard. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, July 31 at St. Charles Campus.

Susan (Hoying) Prenger, sister of Margie Thieman. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, August 16 in Minister, Ohio.

BAPTISM

Murphy Elizabeth Baker, daughter of John & Megan (Schwieterman) Baker

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME!

Gerald and Patricia Mahle from Kettering

PRAYER LIST

Maria & Robin Bachman, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Dennis Buechele, Jane Buechele, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Larry Ely, Jane Fortener, Betty Gaudion, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Beverly Heithaus, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Kathy Horvath, Lou Johnson, Martha Kauflin, Pam Kussman, John Maqsud, Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Michael Prince, Suzanne Radcliffe, Joyce Rogers, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Deacon Dick Strominger, Dan Whelan, Lily Williams, Angela Woessner, Jeff Young.

Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.

OUR MINISTRIES

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT / UPDATES OF SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES, CLUBS, AND GROUPS

MGFP'S MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

Please come to our next monthly meeting to participate in planning this new ministry in our family of parishes that is supported by the Archdiocese. We are learning about starting this ministry and planning upcoming activities. For more information, contact Lisa Averion at laverion@catholicaoc.org.

8/28

7 PM

ST. C

Borromeo Rm



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

The Mother of God Family of Parishes is seeking a part-time Nursery Caregiver at their St. Charles Borromeo Parish campus. This paid position provides 10-15 hours per week of direct supervision for young children during Sunday worship and ministerial events throughout the year. Qualified applicants will have childcare experience and must meet the requirements under the Diocesan Child Protection program. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email a resume to jobopening@stcharles-kettering.org to begin the application process.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs your help! We're looking for enthusiastic catechists to share Scripture with our youngest parishioners during the Sunday Mass at Ascension at 11 AM; St. Albert at 11 AM, and St. Charles at both 8:30 & 10:30 AM. This is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact with a minimal time commitment. If you're interested in helping continue this wonderful program, please contact Tara at tschumaker@mgparish.org



BLESSED ARE THE READY

KELLY SUMMERS, HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER

I would like to express my gratitude for all of those who supported our annual mission trip to the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center this summer. It was so inspiring to see how the Lord worked in and through each of us! We took 16 youth and 8 adult/young adult leaders. Primarily, we provided house repair, built ramps to help people who were in wheelchairs or who had trouble walking unassisted, worked several power washing jobs and helped at a food pantry. Each day started with Mass. We worked hard, cooked and ate dinner in community, did nightly reflections and had some free time in the evenings as well. Here are some reflections from attendees of the trip:

"I always have felt a little calling to be a priest. I never really wanted to, though. After listening to Father and Ben, I now want to be one more than ever. It has made me realize that the priesthood is not just all service. You can live a 'normal' life, too."

"Mission trip is a great thing to do to help with your faith. People seem to find their inner joy here and really try to be more kind to others. You can see how much help we do when the homeowners come out and see our work and are overjoyed."

HELP SHAPE OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE!

Please help us create the best weekend Masses for you & your family.

In order to do so, we would love to see what your preferred Mass times are/would be. Please share your thoughts by going to **mgparish.org/survey** or use the sheet below and put it in a box in the back of each church or drop it off at the parish office.

Survey open from Saturday, August 16, through Sunday, August 24.



- **Do you prefer a Saturday or Sunday Mass?**

- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Sunday

- **What are two of your preferred Mass times?**

Choose from 3:00PM–7:00PM Saturday and 7:30AM–7:00PM Sunday.

- If you could not have your ideal time of Mass, **would you prefer a half hour before that time OR a half hour after?**

- ☐ Half hour before
- ☐ Half hour after

- **Which campus do you regularly attend Mass at?**

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

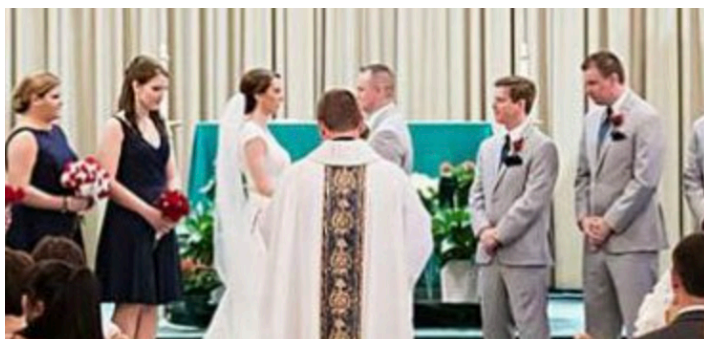
SAFE PARISH

All parish and school employees and volunteers must complete SafeParish™ training, an online background check, and stay current on quarterly bulletins to work with youth. Employees also need fingerprinting and a B4 form before starting, and licensees may have extra requirements. For questions or to become SafeParish-trained, contact Joe Ollier (jollier@mgparish.org), Tom Hutchinson (thutchinson@mgparish.org), or Anna Godby (agodby@mgparish.org).



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Rediscover your spouse and enrich your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, with upcoming experiences on September 19–21 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati or November 7–9 at Maria Stein Renewal Center. Learn more or apply at esharing.org, or contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464 or application@esharing.org.



WELCOME BACK

Ascension Women's Guild is happy to get things started with our Annual Salad Supper on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm at Ascension in the Witzman Center (basement of the church). All women of the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited! Come meet and greet new and old friends and hear what WG has scheduled for the upcoming year. Please bring a salad dish to share, along with the recipe. These will go into the yearly cookbooks given out at the Dine Out in December. WG will provide table service and drinks. Any questions, please contact Sue Graham at sgraham@ascensionkettring.org. See you there!



8/19

4:30 PM

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Witzman Ctr

Rm 118

CHAIR ONE FITNESS

Join us on Tuesday evenings. No special equipment is required. Just wear some comfy clothes and shoes and come with a mind and body open to having fun and being energized. For any questions, contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

Registration for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for our Mother of God Family of Parishes is underway! RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:50 a.m. (Grades K-8) and at St. Charles is Tuesdays, 4-5:15 p.m. (Grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m. (Grades 6-8). Visit mgparish.org to register!

Find us online!

Looking to enroll your child in Religious Education?

Visit: mgparish.org/religious-education

Interested in Sacramental Preparation?

Visit: mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation

Interested in our Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry Programs and contact information?

Visit: mgparish.org/youth

CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE is a faith-based program for girls 5th-8th grade focused on building community, deepening prayer life, serving on mission, and having fun together. Join us for the kickoff on August 27 at St. Charles Walsh Hall from 6:30-8 PM to learn more and get involved!



JR. HIGH

EDGE is our Middle School Youth Ministry. We offer weekend events for middle schoolers to experience faith in action through prayer, service, and friendship, helping them grow in relationship with God, others, and their identity as beloved children of God.



HIGH SCHOOL

DOCK is our high school ministry for all teens, meeting Sunday nights at St. Charles, where we live out "faith in action" through community, service, and spiritual growth in a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment.

ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS

Attention MGFP Parishioners! St. Albert offers enrichment to our 6th-8th graders each quarter for 5 weeks. It takes place every Thursday from 1:20-2:30 pm. The students take a survey at the beginning of September of all the activities that will be offered throughout the school year. The purpose of this program is to expose our students to different opportunities that spark their interest. Right now we have the following set up for this school year cooking, running, cake decorating, engineering, leadership, SEL, Craft/rosary making, writing and board games club – in the past we have had photography, dance, coding, business, babysitting. The following are the dates each quarter they would be offered:

1ST QUARTER:

Sept 11 · Sept 18 · Sept 25 · Oct 2

2ND QUARTER:

Oct 23 · Oct 30 · Nov 6 · Nov 14 · Nov 20

3RD QUARTER:

Jan 15 · Jan 22 · Jan 29 · Feb 5 · Feb 12

4TH QUARTER:

Mar 12 · Mar 19 · Mar 26 · Apr 2 · Apr 9

If you are interested in donating your time and talent to this great program, or for more information, please reach out to Principal Nancy Hankey at nhankey@stalbertschool.org with your name, the activity you would like to share and the time (the quarter you would like to give of your talents). The commitment would be five Thursdays and SafeParish Training is required (see link below). Hope to hear from you soon!

<https://www.aocsafeenvironment.org>

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FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. Additionally, St. Albert the Great is in the 36th year of the monthly food collection serving the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Choice Food Pantry in downtown Dayton. Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when! St. Charles Borromeo Campus is always in need of one-pound cans of vegetables, as well as bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

NEXT MONTH'S
Pick up pans: Sept. 6/7
THIS MONTH'S
Pans due by: Aug 22

(Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.)

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Pick up pans: Sept. 5
Pans due by: Sept. 13

(Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Pick up pans: Sept 7
Pans due by: Sept 14

(Deliver frozen meals to the Hospitality Room, 8-10:45 a.m.)

LOVE IN ACTION

SUPPORT THE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY AT MEIJER!

NOW–SEPTEMBER 27

Support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, a collaboration between Greenmont Oak Park Community Church and Ascension Campus, by participating in Meijer's Simply Give program. Purchase a \$10 Simply Give card at the Wilmington Pike Meijer checkout, or pick up one at Ascension and take it to Meijer to load with your donation. On DOUBLE MATCH DAYS, August 16 and September 13, Meijer will double your gift, turning a \$10 donation into \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

For a cut onion, a butter or other plastic container can be re-used instead of purchasing an onion saver. Just place the half-onion cut-side down on the lid and turn the bottom of the container into the top, and presto – half-onion keeper!

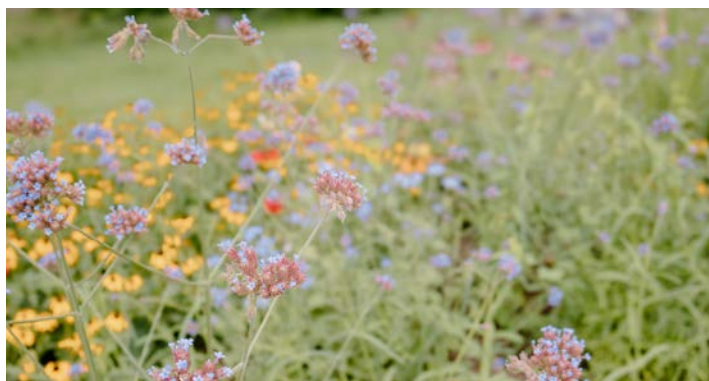


HELP PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR EAGER-TO-LEARN LITTLE ONES!

Ascension's collection of School Supplies for families served through Catholic Social Services continues throughout the year. As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, we are running low on the following new school supplies:

- BACKPACKS
- PENCIL POUCHES
- PLASTIC 2-POCKET FOLDERS WITHOUT PRONGS (NO PAPER FOLDERS, PLEASE)
- PINK ERASERS
- THIN WASHABLE MARKERS
- 7" BLUNT-TIP SCISSORS, AGE 8+
- KLEENEX BOXES

Donations can be placed in the collection box in the bride's room at Ascension, or email Tina Schlegel at dtschlegel@gmail.com to make other arrangements.





SEPT 14

1 TO 5 PM

**DELCO PARK
SHELTERS 2 & 3**

**GAMES • FOOD • BINGO
VIDEO GAME TRUCK**

**BRING A DISH
TO SHARE!**

LAST NAME:

A-G: DESSERT

H-O: SALAD

P-Z: SIDE



BRING A CHAIR AND EXTRA NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY



KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK! THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

The Queenship of Mary celebrates that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is our heavenly Queen! After Mary said “Yes” to God and became the mother of Jesus, she lived a life full of love and faith. When she went to Heaven, God crowned her as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This reminds us that Mary always cares for us, prays for us, and wants to lead us closer to her Son, Jesus. We can honor Mary as our Queen by praying to her and trying to love others like she did. August 22 is the feast day for the Queenship of Mary!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: JOIN OUR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP!

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of young people? Our family of parishes is seeking dedicated volunteers to join our Junior High Youth Group team. This is a wonderful opportunity to mentor and guide our youth as they navigate this important stage of their lives.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Group Leaders:** Lead small group discussions and activities.
- **Mentors:** Provide one-on-one support and guidance to our youth.
- **Activity Coordinators:** Oversee recreational activities and outings.

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

- **Make a Difference:** Your involvement will have a lasting impact on the lives of our youth.
- **Build Relationships:** Connect with young people and fellow volunteers in a meaningful way.
- **Grow in Faith:** Strengthen your own faith while helping others grow in theirs.

How to Get Involved: If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amie Herbert at aherbert@ascensionkettering.org or call the parish office at 937-253-5171 ext 108. I look forward to welcoming you to our team and making a difference together!

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THE LIGHT – 12th of Nov., Feb., May, Aug.

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THE COST

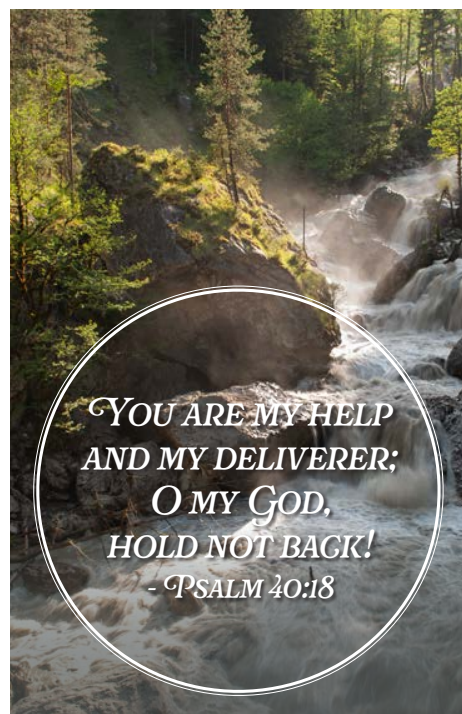
Reflection on Luke 12:49-53

One of the earliest available Greek calendars is based on a list of the winners of important Olympic contests. So when he wishes to encourage his audience, the author of the letter to the Hebrews, who is a cultured man, can think of no stronger metaphor than a marathon runner. Just as this runner uses all his strength to win the race, so the disciple of Jesus must use all His resources to be a champion of virtue.

Jesus says, unapologetically, that his coming provokes division. St. John puts the matter slightly differently: "The light has come into the world, but [people] hated the light, because their deeds were bad." The disciple, like Jesus, is a light for the world, a light that throws shadows into sharp relief.

The point of both these readings is both plain and painful: following Jesus faithfully costs something. If our legs are not aching and our lungs not afire from our efforts to complete the twenty-sixth mile; if our clothes are immaculate because no one has ever even thought of tossing us down a cistern for living God's Word; if we lack Jesus' enthusiasm for casting fire upon the earth; in short, if professing discipleship has cost us nothing lately, how faithful are we being to the call?

— Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday, August 18, 2025

Weekday
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Weekday
Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Saint Pius X, Pope
Judges 11:29-39a
Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Weekday
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Matthew 23:1-12

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SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Saint of the Day: August 20

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In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Cîteaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

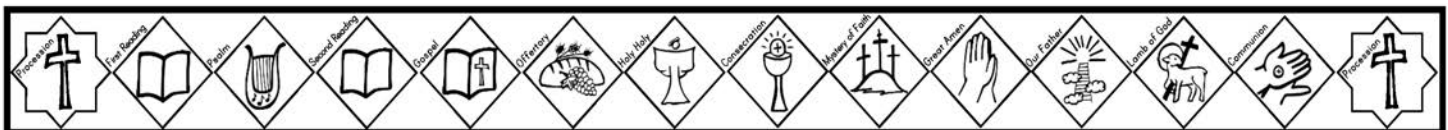
His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernard of Clairvaux" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernard-of-clairvaux/> (Accessed July 24, 2025).



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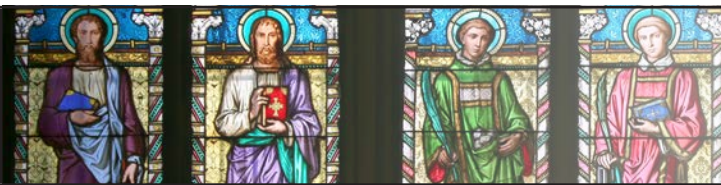
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